

**MINUTES OF THE
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA
2007-2008 BUDGET WORKSHOP
THURSDAY, AUGUST 23, 2007
10:00 A.M.**

The Bradford County Board of County Commissioners convened in a budget workshop on Thursday, August 23, 2007, at 10:00 a.m. in the County Commissioners' Meeting Room, 945 North Temple Avenue, Starke, Florida.

Present were: Commissioner Hersey, Commissioner Thomas, Chairman Lewis and Commissioner Cooper.

Also present were: Jim Crawford, County Manager; June Neats, Administrative Assistant; Ray Norman, Clerk of Courts; Jim Farrell, Finance Director; Marlene Stafford, Deputy Clerk; Alex Hinely, County Planner; Mark Crawford, Press; Randall Zipperer; and Nelson Green, Emergency Services Director.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Lewis called the workshop to order at 10:15 a.m.

DISCUSSION

Mr. Crawford said that at the last budget workshop the Commission was presented with a balanced budget based on an 8.6769 millage rate. As instructed by the Commission, he has researched alternative revenue sources to make up for shortfalls in the budget.

During Mr. Crawford's review of the alternative revenue sources there was discussion which was not limited to but included a .05 local option gas tax, ninth cent local option gas tax, franchise fees, MSTU's/special assessments for law enforcement, fire and rescue, funding sources for road paving projects, road paving in general, the library construction project, and maximum millage rate options.

Discussion then focused on a proposed higher millage rate, moving toward implementation of additional gas taxes, putting the "special road projects" line item back in the budget, completing the projects on the road-paving plan, and the end result to the County's budget from the proposed legislative changes.

There was some discussion regarding the Fine and Forfeiture Fund Budget as it relates to inmate housing revenues, the loss thereof, and the Interlocal Agreement between the Sheriff and the County Commission.

DIRECTIVES:

- 1) Item for next agenda: Approval to move forward with drafting ordinances for gas taxes.
- 2) Balance the budget with a 9.1769 millage rate. The extra revenue to be placed in a special road projects line item.

(08-23-07 Budget Workshop)

Clerk Norman reminded the Commission that at the September 5, 2007, First Public Hearing to set the Tentative Millage Rate and Adopt the Tentative Budget, the 9.1769 millage rate will require a 5-0 vote.

There was additional discussion concerning revenues from electric franchise fees and MSBU's for fire and rescue services.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, the workshop adjourned at 11:43 a.m.

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EDDIE J. LEWIS, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST: _____
RAY NORMAN, CLERK OF COURTS

Minutes prepared by: Marlene Stafford, Deputy Clerk